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Labor Stabilization Needed

An OWI Report on Baltimore

It was an earlier experiment in job control at Baltimore, Md., which led the War Manpower Commission this spring to attempt its labor stabilization program.

Axis Resistance Stiffens but Reds Slowly Gain

BY EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, May 11 — (AP) — Red Army troops crawling forward yard by yard in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Russian — German war since the days of Stalingrad, but it was reported they were meeting stiffening Axis resistance.

The Red Air Force meanwhile kept up a major scale series of attacks against the German supply lines all along the front but apparently was not successful in halting the flow of supplies and reinforcements the Germans pushed into sectors of the Kuban to feed their numerous counterattacks.

Tanks, armored cars, motorized artillery and heavy field pieces were reported to have been a dispatch from the Black Sea fleet said that its air force was continuing attacks upon enemy supply ships and land positions. Russian attacks were made at only some points of the Kuban with light forces and these were "pulsed partly." The communiqué, broadcast by Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press, said planes had destroyed 150 tanks between April 20 and May 10. A 3,000-ton Russian freighter was reported sunk in the Barents Sea.

The German radio asserted today that 44 Soviet planes had been destroyed in the week ending last Saturday against a loss of only 36 German planes, and that the Russians had lost 160 tanks in the Kuban bridgehead fighting since April 20.

The noon communiqué told how a Red Army detachment stormed into the German trenches in their Novorossisk defense lines, killing 80 of the enemy to hold the position. In repulsing an Axis counter-attack in another sector of the battle zone, 200 German soldiers were killed, a large quantity of guns was captured, and enemy equipment was destroyed, it said.

The midnight communiqué credited Red Army artillery with smashing German gun positions and blockhouses in the Novorossisk defense line.

A German attempt to answer the Red Air Force sweep against their rail lines and supply centers by sending 200 planes in an attack on the Rostov — Bataiska area, gateway to the Caucasus, was met by withering anti-aircraft fire which brought down 43 of the raiders, it was reported.

On the ground, in the narrowing strip of the German — held Kuban, large forces grappled in trenches, in the valleys and on the mountain sides, with the Russians aiming at the systematic extermination of the Germans and Rumanians.

Red Star, the Red Army newspaper, said the German defense line around Novorossisk "is deep and built for permanent defense." The first trenches were captured Sunday and since then the Russians have been creeping forward, blasting enemy positions.

Land action on other fronts was insignificant.

Blind Man Serves on Housing Project

Portland, Ore. — (AP) — Blindness neither handicaps Glen Mathewson's ability to do a job well nor his eagerness to help with the war.

He's working on the Vanport war housing project — largest of its kind in the nation — which will be Oregon's second largest city, next only to Portland upon whose outskirts it is being constructed.

Mathewson is a truckdriver's helper — and draws regular pay — \$1.05 an hour.

Here are some of the pursuits he has followed since an accidental dynamite explosion cost him his sight in 1938: Hop picker, cattle trader, ice cream business proprietor, operator of a fishing boat.

Japs Reported Only 12 Miles From India Front

By the Associated Press

A Tokyo broadcast asserted today that Japanese troops, rolling back Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's British forces, had advanced within 12 miles of the India Burma frontier in the gravest threat of invasion yet to confront India's 300,000,000.

The locale of the thrust was not disclosed, and confirmation was lacking from any Allied source.

The Tokyo radio said Japanese troops were "mopping up enemy remnants" near the border. "Today's British communiqué, giving no hint of a major setback, said British artillery bombarded Japanese troops on the Maungdaw — Buthedaung road, where the Japanese had gained a foothold, and RAF fighters machine-gunned enemy troops in the area.

Other Pacific war developments saw 14th U. S. Air Force planes blow up seven locomotives and blast four river boats in two days of strafing sweeps over Japanese-occupied India — China, which adjoins Burma in the north.

Dispatches said 15 locomotives had been knocked out in the last month, and the Japanese had been forced to operate trains only at night.

In the Southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that Allied bombers left 20 fires raging in an assault on the Japanese base at Babo, Dutch New Guinea, while Allied troops beat off an enemy attack in the Mubo area 12 miles south of the Japanese base at Salamaua, New Guinea.

Enemy planes raided three Allied points, but caused little damage.

Amount of Tax Argued by Senate Group

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — It's not the principle, it's how much — That's what the controversy over tearing up income taxes has boiled down to in the Senate today as members continued cloakroom arguments over the amount of tax abatement that should be granted to get the country on a currency payment basis.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), a proponent of the Ruml — Carlson "skip a year" bill approved by the Finance Committee, told reporters that tax abatement now seems to have the approval of almost everybody and he couldn't see much left to fight about.

"Tax abatement is approved by nearly everybody at some level," he declared. "There is no matter of principle involved anymore, it is just a matter of degree."

On the other side of the fence, Senator George (D-Ga.), an opponent of the Ruml — Carlson bill, conceded this had become almost the sole issue in a battle that dragged through weary months in the House and will open a new phase in the Senate tomorrow.

The committee approved Senate measure provides for cancellation of 1942 or 1943 taxes, whichever is the lower, for all persons except those with so-called windfall incomes, and the institution of a 20 per cent withholding levy on wages and salaries as the basic effort to collect taxes currently.

The House bill, on the other hand, cancels only the 6 per cent normal and the 13 per cent first bracket surtax for all taxpayers, leaving those in higher brackets liable for payment of the remainder in the regular way that taxes now are collected.

Many Highways Are Out Due to Floods

Little Rock, May 11 — (AP) — Highway Director W. W. Mitchell today issued the following information on conditions of primary and secondary roads in the northern section of the state:

Highway No. 7, near Dover, road washed out and being repaired.

Highway 21, north of Clarksville, bridge washed out and traffic being detoured.

Highway 123, seven miles north of Lamar, 60 foot steel bridge washed out.

Highway 65, between Little Rock and Harrison, open to traffic though dumps and fills damaged by washing.

Highway 14, Batesville, to Newport, under water and closed.

Highway 71, 18 miles north of junction with highway 64 at Alma, open to light traffic, perhaps heavy traffic late today.

War Plant Blast Is Fatal to Two

Charleston, W. Va., May 11 — (AP) — An earth-shaking blast which tore through a unit of the carbide and carbon chemicals plant in South Charleston today killed two men and injured at least 13 others, most of them seriously.

Flames hundreds of feet high billowed from the wrecked building. The plant, which is on Blaine Island in the center of Kanawha river, produces war material.

Summer School to Open Here on May 24

James H. Jones, superintendent of schools, announces that summer school will open May 24, 8 a. m. at the high school.

This school is for students regularly enrolled in school and also for those adults who want to take advantage of this opportunity to make high school credit for regular high school courses. Students who have failed work in regular term and also those who want to take up new work may do so. All seventh and eighth grade students who desire summer school work can only take those subjects in which they have failed the past school year.

There will be two six weeks terms of summer school provided that there are enough students and adults to justify having two terms. In case there are not enough students to justify two terms, the first term will end July 2. The hours of summer school will be from 8 a. m. to 12.

Only 2 units can be earned in 12 weeks, and only one unit can be earned in a 6 week period. Admission may take one or two subjects each term for credit.

Two 6 week terms are equal to one-half year's work. This summer school will be run on a tuition basis and tuition will be paid in advance.

The subjects to be offered are as follows: Beginning Typing, Advanced Shortland, Business Arithmetic, Business English, American History, World History, English III (11th grade), English IV (12th grade).

Summer school instructors are as follows: Miss Mary Droke, English and math; Miss Sara Payton, English and math; Mrs. Irma Dean, Typing and Shortland. More instructors will be added if needed.

More classes will be organized provided there are enough students to justify setting up a new class. For further information call Mr. James H. Jones, superintendent of schools, (phone 167).

Seeks Power of Veto Over the President

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, announced today a denunciation of his party's House members has developed "a great deal of sentiment" to give Congress veto powers over President Roosevelt's authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

Shortly after the party conference adjourned, Rep. Reed (R-N.Y.) told the House that "Congress has an opportunity here and now to re-capture its power over the tariff and stop this trend of abdication in favor of the executive branch."

Democratic leaders contend the veto provision, if passed, would kill the reciprocity program, which is up for renewal beyond the June 12 expiration date. A vote is due tomorrow.

Rep. Cooper (D-Tenn.) contended in the House that there is adequate legislative supervision now in that the authority, first granted in 1934, comes up each three years for review and renewal.

Exchanges in the debate yesterday gave a foretaste of issues in the 1944 presidential campaign, as Democrats accused Republicans of "isolationism" and heard themselves scolded as fostering an effort to shape the post-war world by a "new deal" blueprint.

This was challenged by Rep. Fish (R-N.Y.), who declared it was "sheer hypocrisy, bunkum and falsehood" to say that the trade agreements had "something to do with preserving the peace." Fish charged that the idea had been "sold through mass propaganda, especially to women's groups which are writing to us."

Fighting Ability of Americans Stuns Germans

London, May 11 — (AP) — Adolf Hitler faced the double task today of speeding the defense of Axis-dominated Europe against the next Allied blow while cushioning the impact of the Tunisian defeat on German morale at home.

Indicating that Hitler considers Italy the weak link in his chain of fortifications across southern Europe, the Moscow radio quoted dispatches from Switzerland saying he had entrusted Italy's defense to two of his most trusted lieutenants — Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi secret police. Goering will take over the reorganization of the Italian army, the broadcast said, while Himmler, through purges among various groups, will attempt a "stabilization of the internal front."

A Berlin dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Tribune De Geneve last night described the bulk of Germans at home as "walking around as though hit on the head" at news of the Allied triumph in North Africa.

People everywhere grasp at official information or reports, the correspondent wrote, but said that at the moment official information was difficult to obtain. He added that to understand the astonishment of the German people, it must be realized that, during the long retreat across Africa by Axis forces, it was never intimated that the German withdrawal was "anything but voluntary."

Yesterday, the dispatch said, all of Berlin's newspapers were full of the Tunisian situation and spoke of a fight to the last cartridge, adding that the press and propaganda agencies were "now having difficulty to explain the affair."

The Bern Der Bund said that the American fighting ability, which "had not been held highly" by Berlin, came as a shock to all Axis military leaders, and Europe's neutral press praised the Allied leadership and men.

Der Bund added that it was "the Americans and French that were used for the decisive blows. . . . Most important of all it seems to us that now the Americans have proved exceptional fighting power and extraordinarily good leadership."

Hitler's Axis partners seemed convinced that a new Allied blow was in the making.

Virginia Gayda, writing in the Giornale D'Italia, was quoted by the Berlin radio last night as saying that the Axis "has prepared plans of defense which will become known when the time has come."

He professed to see in the Tunisian defeat an improvement in Italy's position, for he said, "the Italians can now concentrate all their means of defense within their own country while the enemy has to risk a jump across the sea."

Rumanian Premier Ion Antonescu was quoted as saying in a Budapest dispatch that his country already has lost half a million men in Russia, including prisoners, but faces still greater sacrifices.

The present disposition of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Eighth Army was seen here as probably one of the Axis leader's chief worries. It is known that some of the best units were pulled from the Anfalou area in Tunisia and sent to join the First Army in the attack on Tunis. If Hitler knew whether the remainder of the Eighth was still in the Anfalou area or had been withdrawn to the desert for regrouping and preparation for a new stroke, he might know the answer to the riddle of where the United Nations will strike next.

Another Tunisian question still unanswered was the whereabouts of Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim. Captured German officers insisted yesterday that von Arnim is still in Africa, but they said that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel left about two months ago because of illness.

In the first reports from Holland since German occupation authorities imposed a martial law last week, Tass, official Soviet News Agency, said that all Dutch universities have been closed because of anti-German disturbances among the students.

Weiner-Roast for Auxiliary Police

A weiner-roast in Fair park will feature the regular May meeting of the Hempstead County Auxiliary Police at 7:30 o'clock this Wednesday night, May 12, according to an announcement to the membership by Corbin Foster, secretary-treasurer.

Peach Crop in U. S. Far Below Average

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — The United States Department of Agriculture office announced today that indicated peach production in 10 southern states as of May 1 was 9,141,000 bushels as compared with 19,591,000 last year and a 10 year average (1930 - 39) of 14,505,000 bushels.

The department said indicated production in Georgia was 2,855,000 bushels as compared with 1,777,000 in 1942 and a ten year average of 5,177,000.

Figures for other states included: Arkansas 820,000; 2,330,000; and 1,422,000 bushels.

Flood Reaches Danger Stage in Arkansas

Fort Smith, May 11 — (AP) — Lowland dwellers throughout northwest Arkansas from Fort Smith to Harrison watched mountain creeks burst from their banks and larger streams rise rapidly toward danger stages today in floods that threatened to assume serious proportions.

The Weather Bureau at Little Rock issued flood warnings for the Arkansas and White rivers while reports told of highways and railroads cut off by the swiftly swollen streams.

Evacuation of lowland residents in this vicinity started late yesterday under supervision of Red Cross workers and soldiers from nearby Camp Chaffee.

Eureka Springs was reported hard hit with Leatherwood creek washing out two Missouri and Arkansas railroad bridges between there and Seligman, Mo.

Farmers near Morrilton rushed to sandbag their levees and State Highway Director W. W. Mitchell ordered road crews ready to join in such efforts.

Gov. Homer M. Adkins said that the state's new war emergency board, with \$250,000 available for such activities, would consider the flood situation at its organization meeting in Little Rock today.

The floods broke over the week-end following rains of cloudburst proportions.

Eureka Springs was swept by a cloudburst last night that poured an estimated three inches of rain onto the hilly section in 30 minutes. The M. & A. reported its tracks under water at Arburg, Shirley and Higdon. Telegraph lines south of Leslie were down as the flood washed out the poles.

At Clarksville, several stores in the business district suffered damage to stock and fixtures estimated at \$15,000 as the flood waters swept through the streets. The spinach crop in that area, three-fourths raised, was washed out.

Rain at Fayetteville broke a 15-hour record and sent the Illinois river on a wild rampage. Several families near Savoy had to be evacuated and roads were cut in several places. Strawberry growers feared their crop would be ruined.

Ceiling Set on Price of Alarm Clocks

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — Don't count your chicken dumpings before the alarm clocks have hatched, but you m-i-g-h-t be able to kill the old red rooster soon.

The Office of Price Administration today set a ceiling price of \$1.65 — plus taxes — on the new "war alarm clock," effective tomorrow.

In addition to the \$1.65, buyers will have to pay 10 per cent federal excise tax, as well as local sales taxes, if any. Hard sleepers thought reportedly have paid as high as \$9 for alarm clocks because of the acute shortage.

Still coyly hiding backstage somewhere, 100,000 of the war-model clocks, with revised steel linings to save brass, have been made, the War Production Board disclosed, but the date of their public appearance remains in the unspecified future.

Defense workers at shipyards and war plants probably will get first crack at the elusive sleep-destructors, it was believed, on the theory that the more vital your job, the more reason to wake you up in the morning.

The clocks, when finally delivered, will look, tick and break down like any normal pre-war timekeepers. The difficulty of telling them apart from previous little or no name they will bear. It is up to the manufacturer whether he wants to write "war alarm" on the face, or leave it blank.

Many Germans Surrender As Trap Is Sealed

Grombalia, on Cap Bon, May 10 (AP) — Adolf Hitler's famous shock troops became a desperate rabble, running for their lives into the hills of Cap Bon peninsula or surrendering in thousands to the British First Army today.

The collapse of the once proud German divisions rivals that of their scorned Italian satellites.

All morning I have raced forward with the armored scout cars and seen the amazing spectacle of the German army humbled in the dust of a panicky retreat.

Only a few artillerymen are making any sort of resistance to the British. Five thousand German infantrymen surrendered in the last four hours to one armored brigade.

A fate worse than Dunkerque has overwhelmed Hitler's African Corps.

I have just entered Grombalia and six miles away on the left, the little town of Soliman also has been captured.

A German vehicle containing three dead officers still was burning across the road from my car.

Four German armored force grenadiers who said the had come from the Russian front to Africa last December came up and asked me to accept their surrender.

"We are Kaputt (ruined)," declared a grimy-faced blond sergeant who towered above my own height of six feet three inches. "We have no food, no munitions, no benzine."

The four stood in the whirling white dust of the main highway, their guns abandoned and little blanketed bundles slung over their backs while passing British armor ignored them.

"You must march to the prisoner-of-war stockade at the junction," I advised them.

The little group shuffled off obediently.

"Would you like to ride?" asked the colonel politely.

"Thank you," the major replied in good English. "But I should prefer to march with my men."

The German command obviously had hoped to stall off the British at Hammam Lif, a picturesque Moslem village on the plain a half mile wide between the hills and the sparkling Mediterranean.

Sherman tanks swept through this Gap nine miles southeast of Tunis in a ten-hour battle yesterday, outflanking a line of German 88s by sending one squadron along the sand beach.

It was strictly an armored show; no British infantry was used today.

This morning the armored advance guard swept forward nine miles to the junction where the defense collapsed in a mad rout.

Hug stocks of military supplies were found untouched in the warehouses of big vineyards near Grombalia and Soliman.

In their frantic haste the enemy failed to blow up any bridge or to lay a single mine.

Large parking lots filled with undamaged enemy vehicles are scattered in the fields and hills to the right of the main highway.

Field and orchards are dotted with the personal baggage cast off by the fleeing Germans.

Many Mobile 88 guns have been abandoned but usually only after their breeches were smashed by explosive charges.

Refugees and carts piled high with bedclothes and pots and pans were returning to their shell-pitted homes.

A black-betted general who was studying his maps in the turret of a Sherman parked on a steep and rocky hill above acres of green vines told me:

"It's all over, there isn't going to be any Axis Dunkerque. A few tough chaps are still fighting, but most of the enemy is now giving in."

By WILLIAM B. KING
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 11 — (AP) — Armored columns of the British First Army moving rapidly along coastal roads on both sides of Cap Bon found many German — set fires today and indications that the Germans were preparing for wholesale surrender.

(The Algiers radio, in a broadcast recorded in London, said that a headquarters spokesman estimated 100,000 prisoners had fallen into Allied hands and that not all had yet been counted.)

(What probably was the last tank battle to be fought in Tunisia was raging between the British and remnants of the German 10th Armored Division on Cap Bon, the Algiers radio said.)

(The British had advised several miles northeast of Hammamet up Cap Bon, the radio said, and found the roads intact but littered with transport and material which the Germans had not taken the time to destroy.)

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, May 11 — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today that British armor had forced a complete breakthrough on the neck of Cap Bon peninsula, closing that blind alley at its mouth and pocketing enemy forces which still were fighting fiercely to the south and west.

Advancing from the Hammam Lif area on the north side of the neck, the British First Army crossed the base of the peninsula to the outskirts of Hammamet to the south side, and took Soliman, Grombalia and Menzel Bou Zelfa in the center, the communiqué announced.

(A Reuters dispatch from Allied headquarters said the British entered Hammamet early this morning.)

Scorched by Allied fire from land, sea and air, the German and Italian armies which were crowded onto Cap Bon appeared to have lost their nerve after this bold, swift stroke by British armor and the prospects of a last stand on the mountain-ribbed peninsula were diminishing.

The opposition from these troops was slight, and the trapped soldiers were inclined to surrender at the first opportunity as British Naval forces scoured nearby waters in what was described as a "mopping up" of small parties attempting a disorganized escape.

Pilots who continued to sweep the beaches reported little activity and said the cornered enemy applied of attempting to get away, while the flames blazing along the roads of the bomb-riddled cape indicated the Germans already were burning their supplies.

More than 5,000 prisoners were taken by the British in their lightning thrust across the peninsula, including 600 members of the crack Hermann Goering regiment which had fought strongly around Hammam Lif from entrenched and buried tanks. This unit appeared to have lost its nerve along with other units who were surrendering in companies even though their ammunition and supplies were not yet exhausted.

Captured along with the flood of prisoners were messages of encouragement sent to the front lines by both Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. It was not known where the messages were sent but there was no evidence that they had had any effect on the enemy's resistance.

The Nazis had attempted to stop the British drive by using their tanks, drained of fuel, as fortresses, but when the British renewed their deadly assault yesterday morning opposition cracked and the armor of Lieut. Gen. K.A.N. Anderson swept through to the south coast area with but little difficulty.

The tanks reached Soliman, 10 miles southeast of Hammam Lif, by 2 p.m., swept on to Grombalia, six miles to the south, by 5 p.m. and by 8:30 p.m. last night were within six miles of Hammamet.

This peace-time resort town is astride the coastal road on the south side of Cap Bon. Its capture cut off the remaining first line troops who were fighting the British Eighth Army and the 19th French Corps to the south and west from the supply units and communication personnel who had retreated into the peninsula's mountains.

"British officers on the Cap Bon

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Guadalcanal Diary Based on the **Book-of-the-Month**

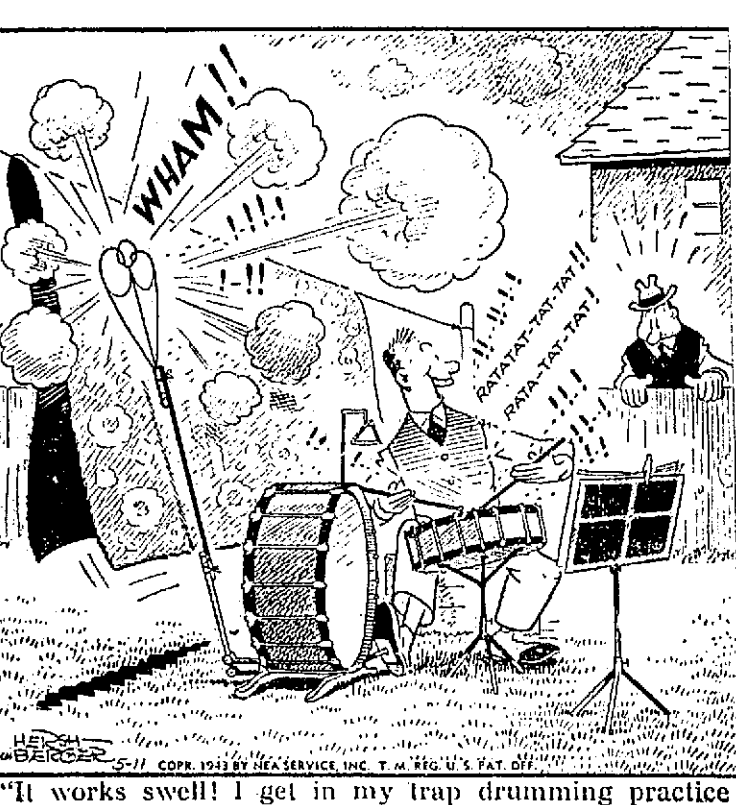


"A pin-point of light appeared in the sky."
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—When somebody came into our tent at about nine o'clock last night and shouted, "Get up fellows, we're moving up the ridge," we did not waste any time, but grabbed helmets and shoes and dashed out. Only a few minutes later, from the ridge-top, we saw a pinpoint of green light appear in the sky to the north. The light spread into the glow of a flare, and then we heard the mosquito hum of a Jap float plane. It was "Louie the Louie," a generic name for any of the Jap planes which come to annoy us at night. Louie flew leisurely, as he always does, dropping flares. And then we saw flashes of naval gunfire coming from the direction of Kukum. A shell whizzed over our heads and crashed a few hundred yards back. There was a second's pause, and then more flashes followed, so continuously that the sky seemed to be flickering constantly, and the shells whined overhead almost in column. They kept coming for minutes on end, skimming over the trees under which we were lying. We simply lay there clenching the side of the ridge and hoping the Japs would continue to fire too high. Our observation posts reported that four Jap warships were swinging back and forth offshore, bombarding the beach line. The shelling finally stopped, and the small arms fire dwindled. But we did not go back into the valley. I slipped my poncho over my head, put on my mosquito headnet and my helmet, and lay down on the top of the hard ridge to sleep. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—Shortly after midnight the din of firing became tremendous. Our batteries were banging incessantly, fire from the direction of the Raider lines swelled into a cascade of sound, and Louie the Louie was flying about the pitch-black sky dropping his flares. We were drawing up a strong skirmish line on the ridge-top. Reinforcements were on their way up. We knew that the Raiders, Col. Edson's people, out on the ridge, had their hands full, and that a major Jap effort to break through our lines and seize the airport had begun. Snipers were filtering in. Ricocheting bullets whistled among the trees. We plastered ourselves flat on the ground. A stream of tracer bullets arched through the trees from behind us. It seemed now that the Japs were all around... (Continued tomorrow)

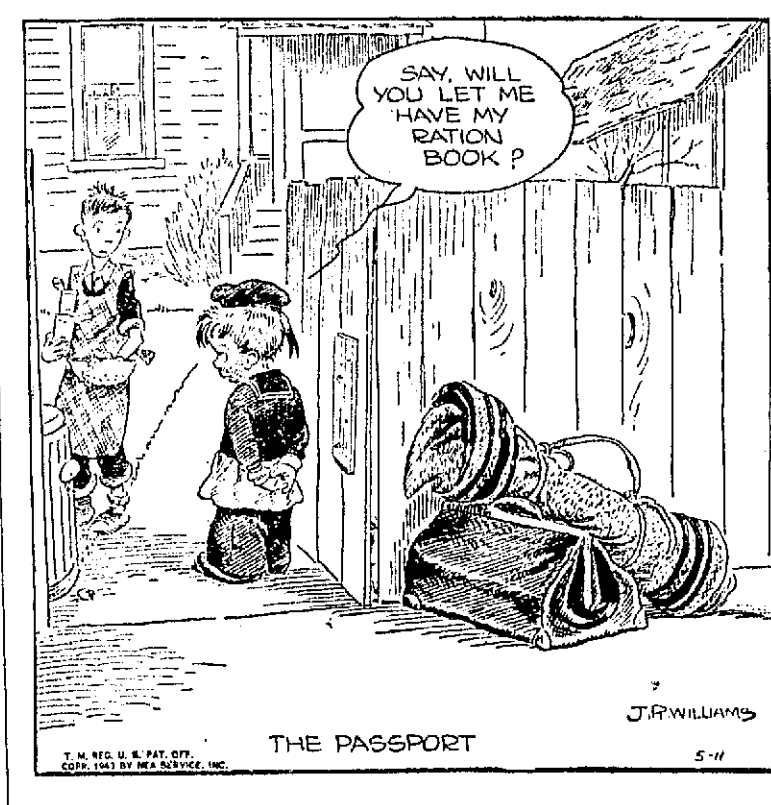
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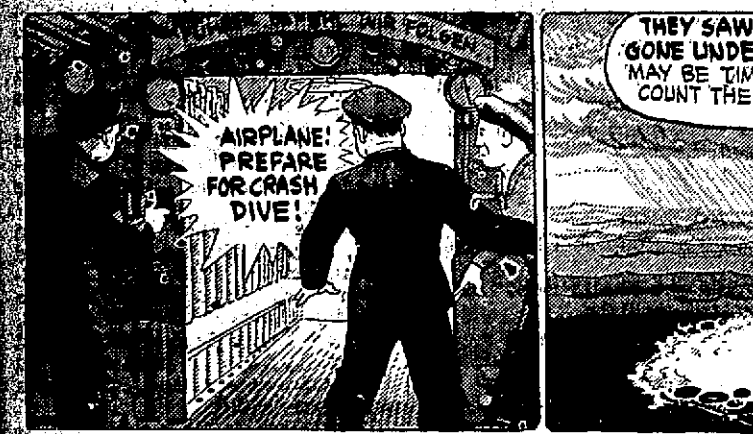
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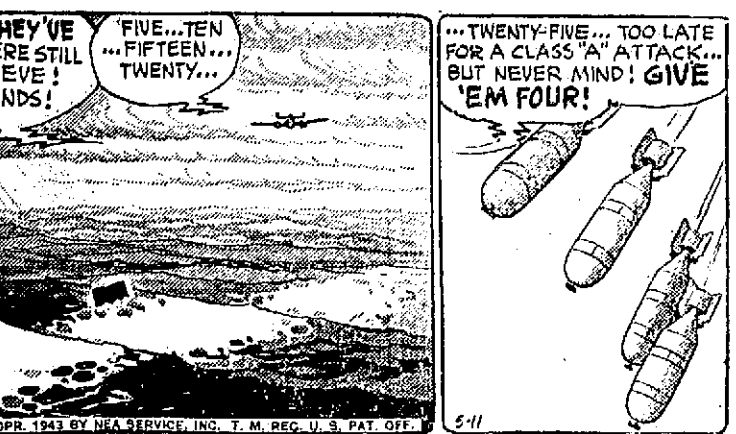
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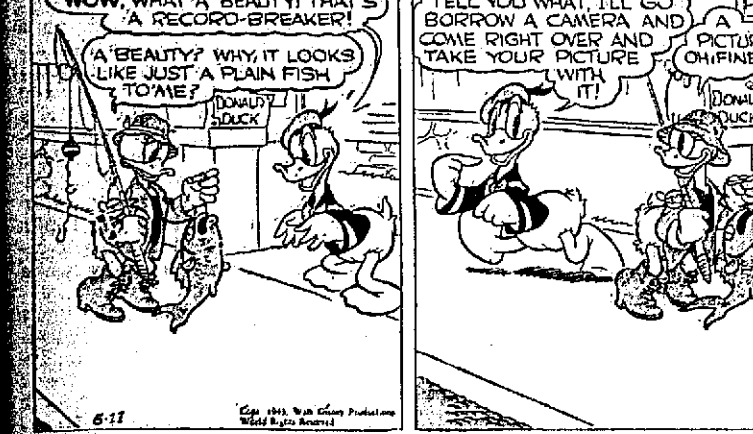
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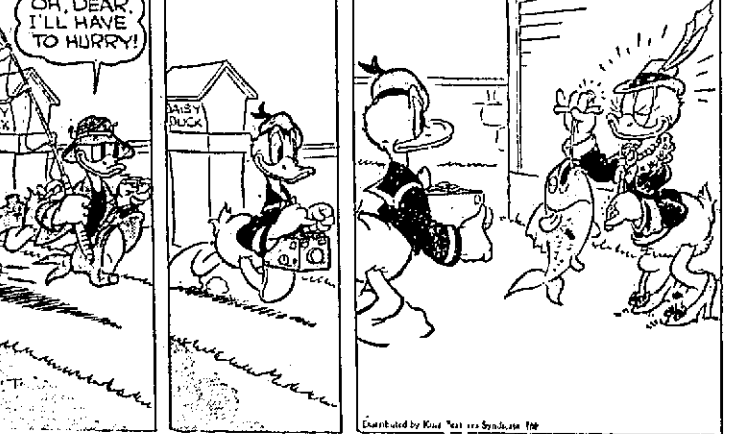
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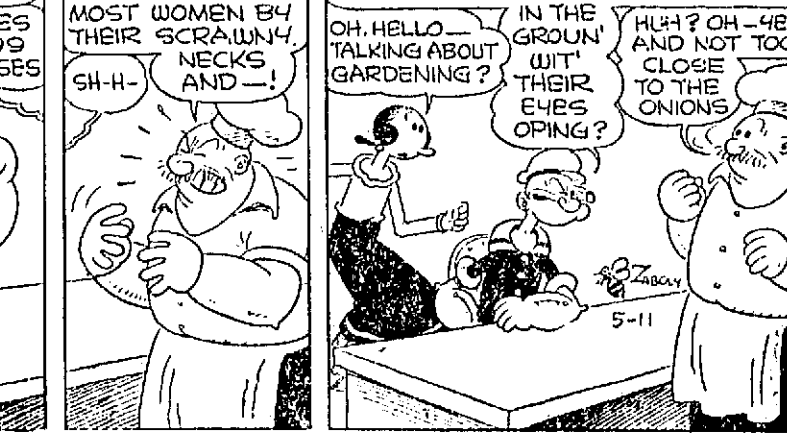
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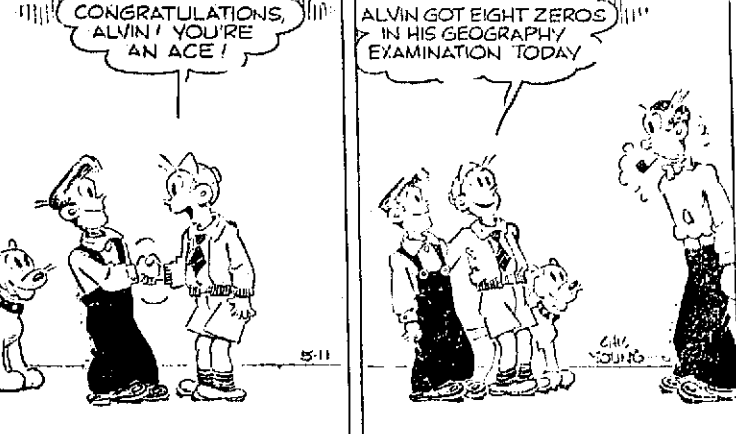
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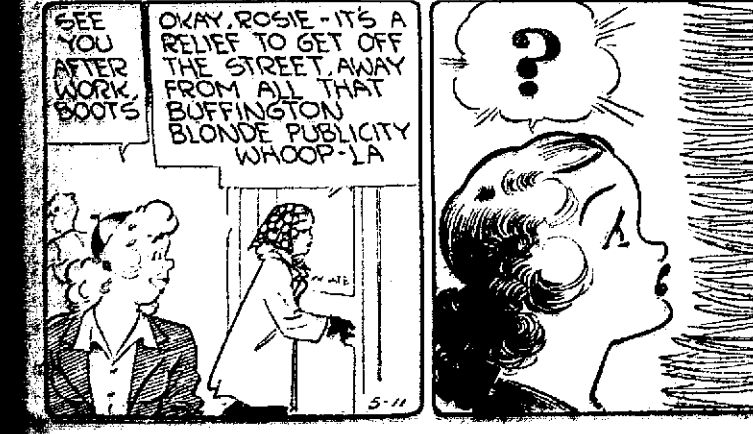
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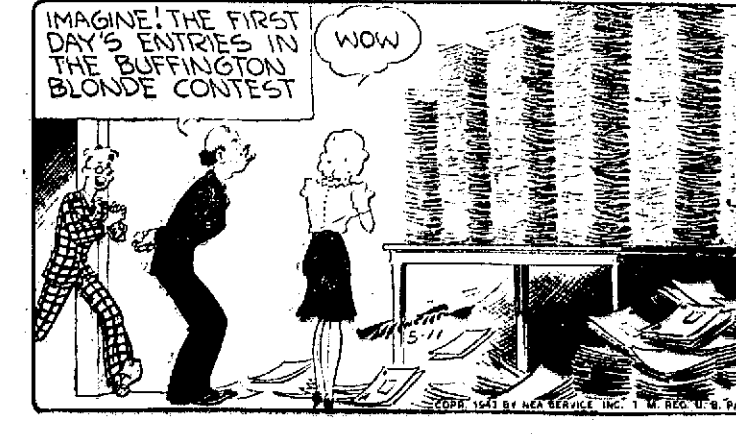
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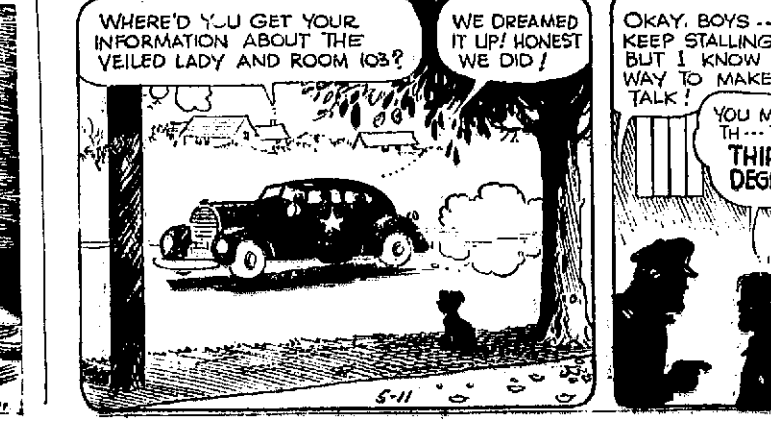
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Social Calendar

Tuesday, May 11th
Tuesday Contract Bridge club, home of Mrs. W. R. Herndon, 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Bobby Ellen will be hostess at bridge tonight at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith, 8 o'clock.

Miss Glenn Stockburger of Winslow, Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to the Hope chapter at the Masonic Temple, 8 p. m.

Honoring Miss Glenn Stockburger of Winslow, Mrs. Fred Cook will be hostess at a luncheon at the Hotel Henry, 1 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 12th
The Home Nursing Class will meet for its first lesson Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Community Center on Third Street. Those taking the course are urged to attend.

Thursday, May 13th
The John C. chapter of the DAI will meet at the home of Mrs. O. A. Graves at 3 p. m. Thursday.

Birthday Party to Enjoyed Saturday Evening

A source, that claimed a gay crowd was the birthday party of William Joel Cox Saturday night in the Blue Room of the Henry Hotel.

Mrs. Cox, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Trudie Stone, Miss Ruth Ellen Stubbeman, wearing green tulle assisted William Joel in extending courtesies to twenty-five guests who responded to invitations.

The spacious refreshment table was adorned with pink radiance roses and daisies with crystal candle holders supporting pink tapers, the beautiful birthday cake in white and pink the central attraction.

Interesting games and contests were enjoyed throughout the evening. Hand-made gifts were presented to the winners.

Offering their felicitations to the host were: Jack Bundy, John Thomas Andrews, Martin Pool, Fred Newburn, Patsy McPherson, Patsy Caldwell, Billy Bob Herndon, Ruth Ellen Stubbeman, Betty Sue Edmondson, Charlene Hare, Charlene Wiggins, Donna Gibson, Eva Jean Milam, John Paul Sandford, Myrtle Brown, Mary Dell Waddle, Doris Lou Franks, Maxine Bowden, Albert Simonist, Effie Elise Hyatt, Mary Alice Urry.

Washington Visitors Are Faxed at Bridge

As special compliment to Miss Margaret Simms and Miss Marjorie Moses of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Mickey Williams was hostess at bridge at her home Saturday evening.

Jaisies, larkspur, and other summer garden flowers adorned the

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GOP Opposes Bill to Strip WPB Authority

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — Legislation to strip the War Production Board of its authority over civilian supplies landed in a blemish today when it was sent to the House by the Senate.

Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), ranking minority member of the House Banking Committee which gives first consideration to the measure, expressed the opinion that it "sets up another agency which is bound to confuse the whole set-up," and declared:

"Unless a lot of restrictions are written into it, it will encounter stiff opposition in the House." Wolcott said he construed the legislation as an attempt to settle by congressional action friction between the War Production Board and the armed forces over priorities sought by both the armed services and civilian agencies.

The bill would empower an administrator appointed by the president to determine the needs for rationing and to ascertain the types and quantities of materials, manpower and other services necessary to keep the civilian population "healthy and functioning effectively."

The new agency would replace the office of civilian requirements recently organized by WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson.

Republicans generally opposed the bill when the Senate passed it

Nazis Decree State of Siege in Holland

London, May 11 — (AP) — The Netherlands News Agency Aneta quoted reports today that a state of siege had been decreed throughout Nazi-occupied Holland and that 26 Dutch patriots had been executed and 10 others sentenced to death as a result of disorders apparently connected with an attempt to stage a general strike.

Aneta said the state of siege was ordered by Arthur Szysszquart, Reichs commissioner for occupied Netherlands, and quoted the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet as saying it resulted from "serious disturbances" following a Nazi order for reinforcement of all former Netherlands Army members as prisoners of war.

Aneta added that serious interruptions of the supply of food in the country resulting from strikes were reported. The German-controlled press in the country said

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Today in Congress

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Senate
In recess.
Banking Committee considers bill to authorize use of treasury silver for war purposes (9:30 a. m. Central War Time).
House
Continues debate on reciprocal trade program (11 a. m.).
Military committee may report out antistrike legislation (9).

Many Germans

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front estimated three days ago (that 80,000 Axis troops had reached the peninsula.)
Infantry forces which followed closely behind the tank breaching through occupied Soliman, Gumballa, and Menzel Bou Zetta, three towns forming a triangle in the valley of the twin rivers of Oued El Melch and Oued El Djouf, and controlling the main roads across the base of the peninsula.

There was not a lot, however, in the stubborn resistance of the southern Nazi forces. At one point they even put in a counterattack against French forces. It was repulsed.

The Eighth Army made an attack against the die-hard German fighters southeast of Sousse, 12 miles northwest of Enfidaville, and took 75 prisoners and 12 small field guns, and also made an assault on the right flank due north of Enfidaville. The latter attack met desperate resistance.

The French, fighting alongside the British Eighth Army, mopped up a number of small pockets in the neighborhood of Zaghouan. The Germans made their ineffective counterattack three miles south of Moghrane, just to the north of Zaghouan and about 30 miles west of Hammamet.

So completely blotted out was the German air force in this theater that just one enemy plane was seen in the Tunisian sky. It was a Focke-Wulf 190 fighter and it was trying to slip away. It was shot down.

The Naval section of the communiqué said five small boats were sunk off Cap Bon yesterday and Sunday night in mopping up the detachments caught at sea, and said many prisoners had been captured. Among them was a German general caught trying to escape. That made seven generals captured.

Intense naval activity still prevails off the coast of Cap Bon peninsula where large fires were seen last night. The coast is closely watched and blockaded and the work continues," said the communiqué.

The Allied air forces sent over 100 medium bombers to smash Pantellaria Island airfield, 40 miles off Cap Bon, for the fifth time in three days, while a strong force of Flying Fortresses hammered the airfields of Milo and Borizzo in Sicily.

Malta's squadrons of fighter-bombers assailed Biscari, Marsala and Porto Empedocle in Sicily, unloading bombs on airfields, railway stations and power stations. Four engine-driven RAF planes delivered the second important attack on Messina, in Sicily, in 24 hours.

So nearly knocked out is P. a. n. tellaria air base that only one enemy aircraft came up to meet the bombers. It was an Italian plane and, after seeing the size of the formation, the pilot decided to keep out of the way.

A small fleet of landing craft and dock installations also were attacked here. A violent explosion amidst the jetties and warehouses was seen by the departing bombers after they were 10 miles away.

Light bombers and fighter-bombers maintained a round-the-clock strafing of roads and a few small boats. Night flying Hurricanes caught more traffic in the path of their flares and other aircraft fiercely bombed the airfield at Kourba, Menzel Tomie and Cap Ras Addar at the extreme northern tip of the cape where a number of Junkers transports were wrecked.

In typical sweeps, a Spitfire wrecked two staff cars, six trucks and a trailer on the road north of Hammamet, while a Hurricane shot up a small boat containing 10 Germans who had no cars and only a shirt for a sail.

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And Shoe Rationing?
Salt Lake City — Automobile sightseeing tours are out for the duration—but the Junior Chamber of Commerce is determined that visitors shall see the town anyhow. A series of weekly milelong sightseeing jaunts for soldiers and tourists will start Sunday—on foot.

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SERIAL STORY

Beth Carter, WAAC

BY LORETTE COOPER

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THE STORY: Beth Carter, WAAC, has volunteered for a dangerous mission. After she has received her orders and been introduced to her commanding officer, Major Brit Jackson, they board a flying fortress bound for a tiny island in the Pacific.

JAP PLANES SIGHTED

Chapter II

THE island on which the great ship landed to refuel was nothing more than a plot of sand. High tide, Beth knew, would immerse it. "Think of it," commented Major Jackson. "What an air base in this day of modern warfare! Let Nature do her own camouflaging. We land. We refuel from buried tanks capable of keeping the sea out and the gasoline in. We take off. The tide comes up and the waves erase our wheel tracks in the sand and pack the particles anew for the next landing. The fellow who thought of this had something."

Her eyes verified enough of Major Jackson's description so that she could easily believe the rest. The major left her for a moment to talk with one of the pilots. When he returned to Beth's side, he asked, "How did you make out last night?"

"Comfortably," he laughed. "There was some doubt that you would."

"Anyone who had any doubts didn't know very much about the WAACs," she replied. They walked along the sand. She watched the sea, and noticed that even now the island was shrinking with each successive onrush of the ocean. She tried to estimate how long this bit of sand was, and guessed two miles; yet it was so flat that an accurate estimate was impossible, and the sand was packed so tightly it could have been used as an automobile speedway just as successfully as it was being used as a landing field.

As they strolled along the peaceful shore, under a sky of brilliant blue, Beth felt strangely at peace with the world. She closed her eyes and found it easy to imagine that she was at home, enjoying a pleasant holiday with a friend whose only concerns were the everyday problems of small-town life.

"I wish we could stay here forever," Beth said, softly. Brit Jackson laughed. "You and I have work to do," he said. "Important work. This island looks peaceful enough, but you can't forget the war, no matter how much you'd like to."

"I know," Beth answered. "I'm ready, Major Jackson." They could hear the whirr of the plane's motors as it warmed up for the take-off. The crew was swarming over the big ship, checking every detail for the important flight ahead.

Steadily, they moved away from the landing place. Before long they would be alone. Beth wondered what Brit Jackson had to say. She had been too excited, too thrilled by prospects of her overseas duty, to give much thought to her assignment. Major Jackson was silent, phrasing in



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his mind the words he had to say. MAJOR JACKSON smoked until his cigaret was nothing but a menace to his fingertips. Then he tore the butt apart and tossed the tobacco and the tiny rolled-up wad of paper to the wind, which was blowing freely and steadily. "It's time you knew what you were going to do, Lieutenant," Major Jackson said.

They were out of earshot of the crew now. The major stopped, and so did she, and he turned toward her. She looked at him. It was the first time she had realized how young and handsome he was. It was also the first time she had noticed his insignia. Noticing it, she was amused at how wrong she had been in jumping at conclusions. She had supposed he was an Air Corps officer, and perhaps a full 10 years older than the just-under-30 he appeared to be. Actually, he wore the crossed cannon with shell superimposed which denote the Coast Artillery Corps.

BETH noticed that Brit Jackson was scrutinizing her very closely, too; and she sensed that the view was not unpleasant to him. "It's time you knew," he began again. "Lieutenant, you are my one-man staff, if you don't mind my calling you a man. That's what you are, for the purpose of defending the nation. You are the one-man staff of the commanding officer—I am he—of a Coast Artillery Barrage Balloon battalion. Our battalion is somewhere off there—even now I shan't tell you exactly where, and that is not because I don't trust you." He waved his hand a third of the way around the horizon. "The battalion is on an island much like this, only the island

Mediterranean to Be Kept Open—Knox

Washington, May 11 — (AP) — Secretary of the Navy Knox, commenting on the Allied victory in Tunisia, said today that the German Air Force undoubtedly would try to keep Allied shipping from using the Mediterranean routes eastward but they want be able to prevent us."

Knox, talking at a press conference, declined to estimate how long it would be before the final clean-up in Tunisia before the Mediterranean route could be thrown open with supply ships operating under an Allied air umbrella from the northern rim of Africa.

He said, however, that the opening obviously would be of tremendous advantage because of the shortening of the routes to the Middle East, which he estimated would average about 5,000 miles.

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How Drug Stores Will Co-operate With Wednesday Closing

Effective May 12 all the drug stores of Hope will close every Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock—except one store.

Each taking its turn in alphabetical order, one drug store will remain open Wednesday afternoon, the other four closing at 1 p. m.

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Stalemate Is About the Only Hope Left for Germans

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

The Axis debacle in Tunisia with all its implications has given Herr Hitler and his followers a bad case of mental williwaws.

A williwaw, you know, is that notorious Aleutian ill - wind which twists itself into knots at hurricane velocity and blows no man good. If that figure is too fanciful we can fall back on the crude but precise remark that the Nazis have the wind up. A dispatch from Bern says the Germans are "walking around as though hit on the head."

The Fuehrer is moaning gutturally about the "superhuman hardships" of his troops in Russia, and about the damnable Allied bombing of western Europe. If he knew anybody better than himself to whom he could pray, he would be doing it. Therefore we may be sure that he eagerly approves Spanish Generalissimo Franco's appeal for peace.

Franco says that neither the Axis nor the Allies can destroy the other and "it is senseless to delay the peace." That wraps up in a tidy package the idea which is the Nazi hope — that Germany can defend itself stoutly enough to produce a stalemate which will leave most of the occupied countries in its possession.

Gone are the days when Hitler dreamed of overrunning the world. All he asks of fortune now is that he be permitted to retain some part of the territories which he has stolen.

So weak has his position become that he no longer wants to fight for his loot. He desires peace on stalemate terms, and it's safe to bet two bits he would accept a lot less if it were offered to him. The "unconditional surrender" being enacted in Tunisia is stunning Berlin.

Of course we aren't entitled to try to read General Franco's mind. However, it's reasonable to suppose that in advocating peace he is considering, among the many issues, the effect of a continuation of the war on his own country. Neutral Spain is like a ripe peach.

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on a limb which hangs low over the school - yard fence. It might put ideas into the heads of passers by.

The air constantly vibrates with reports that Hitler is going to strike at the Allies through Spain. Or that the Allies are preparing to invade the Spanish mainland via Gibraltar in order to compel the Nazis to maintain large forces on the Spanish frontier while United Nations invasion operations are proceeding elsewhere. Franco wouldn't relish either of these developments.

Naturally the Allies aren't going to alter their demand for "unconditional surrender." It's clear that Hitler recognizes this, too, for the Nazi High Command is feverishly trying to strengthen its defenses on all fronts, from the Balkans right round to Norway. The Boche, who are first class soldiers, appear to be up against one of their own smart schemes — the application of fierce pressure at numerous vital points simultaneously until opportunity permits of the sudden development of one or more of the drives.

That's the strategy which the Allies used to crack Tunisia. And the signs are that a similar line is to be employed against Hitler on the continent. Certainly there are in the offing some mighty interesting developments about which I wouldn't want to speculate here.

It may be that the Tunisian clean-up is moving a bit more rapidly than the Allied command anticipated and that there may be a tiny lag in development of some of the promising adventures. However, it will be surprising if we don't get some sort of fresh offensive in the immediate future. Mean time the Russians are supporting the constant pressure strategy in their terrific drive in the vital Novorossisk sector of the western Caucasus.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Philadelphia — Gus Dorazio, 193 3/4, Philadelphia, outpointed Joe Baksi, 203 1/2, Kulpmont, Pa., (10).

Seranton, Pa. — Joe Peralta, 137, Tamorra, Pa., outpointed Jose Torres, 138, Puerto Rico (10).

Newark — Perk Daniels, 199 1/4, Chicago, outpointed Curtis Shepard, 183 1/2, Pittsburgh (10).

Providence, R. I. — Tony Costa, 131 1/2, Woonsocket, R. I., outpointed Joey Archibald, 128 1/4, Pawtucket, R. I., (10).

Baltimore — Alf (Big Boy) Brown, 138, Detroit, knocked out Lee Oma, 179, New York (8).

Holyoke, Mass. — Chester Rico, 134 1/2, New York, outpointed Joe Gillis, 134, Springfield, Mass., (8).

New York — Verne Patterson, 153, Chicago, outpointed Larny Moore, 158 1/2, Hempstead, N. Y., (8).

New Haven, Conn. — Jackie Reed, 201, New York, knocked out Zeke Brown, 185, Atlanta, Ga., (3).

Lightning Kills W. H. Burke's Stock

W. H. Burke, well known farmer living on Hope Route Three, reported today that lightning struck his place in last Saturday's storm, killing one mare, three mules and one cow.

Crackers Getting Nowhere in the Southern Loop

By REX THOMAS

Atlanta, May 11 (AP) — You've got to hand it to the Atlanta Crackers. They're really going places in the Southern Association — and getting nowhere fast.

When it comes to the league standings, the boys from Ponce De Leon Park are as inconsistent as a Berlin radio broadcast. It's been an up-and-down club this season, with the honors about evenly divided as to direction.

The Crackers started the season going strong. Now they're only two notches out of last place. They lost a 4-3 decision to the Chattanooga Lookouts last night in the season's first night game played in the Tennessee city.

Let's take a random look at how Atlanta has ranked in the standings. On April 30, just one week after the season started, Manager Al Leitz's outfit hit fourth. Three days later it had climbed to second, and the following day it was still in the runner - up position, but tied with New Orleans. And both of them trailed behind Birmingham and Nashville, who shared league - leading honors.

Last night's Atlanta - Chattanooga contest — the only one played in the southern — was a nine-reel thriller - diller in which Lookout hurler Hardin Cathey stole the show.

The teams play again tonight with Bucky Jacobs scheduled to work the mound for the Lookouts against an unnamed hurler.

New Orleans and Memphis were unable to play, the Crackers will host to the Pels again tonight. Freddie Wells for New Orleans and Walter Brown for Memphis are the probable pitchers.

The Birmingham - Little Rock affair likewise was postponed. Tonight Baron Hurler Jake Baker is due for a turn on the mound for the visitors, opposing Ed "Bear Tracks" Greer, Little Rock Manager Buck Fausett, incidentally, has this comment on his team's progress: "The club is coming along nicely. While we are constantly searching for possible improvements, the Travelers may be as strong as the next one. This isn't offered as an alibi — but we beat ourselves in two of the four losses at New Orleans."

He probably isn't kidding, either. Little Rock is in third place.

Knoxville opens a five - game series at Nashville tonight, the two teams having sat out an open date yesterday. Mack Stewart is on tap for the Nashville pitching assignment, with Herb Anderson as his likely opponent.

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., May 11 —(AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 12,500; opening 10-15 lower than Monday's average on 180 - 280 lbs. at 14.40-45; top 14.50; 170 lbs. down 10-20 lower; good and choice 14.00-16.00; 150-160; sows 10 1/2 - 15 lower, largely 13.00-14.25.

Cattle, 8,000; calves, 1,200; a few steers steady but some buyers acting bearish; cows, bulls and heifers steady; a few medium and good steers 13.00 - 16.00; medium and good mixed yearlings and heifers 13.00-15.00; common and medium cows 11.00-13.00; medium and good sausage bulls 12.50-13.50; vealers 25 heifers; good and choice 15.75; medium and good 13.25 and 14.50; nominal range slaughter steers 11.50-16.57; slaughter heifers 10.75-16.00; stocker and feeder steers 10.75-15.25.

Sheep, 50; opening sales about steady; good and choice clipped lambs No. 2 fleeces 14.75; three decks No. 1 and No. 2 fleeces 14.25.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, May 11 (AP) — Fail-



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, May 11—(AP)—According to the table of performances for the A.A.U. primary physical fitness test, a guy over 35 should be able to run 100 yards in 14.5 seconds and a mile in seven minutes or run and walk in ten minutes.

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The major leagues are using the intermission before their first interseasonal strife of the season to feel out trade possibilities and the foremost figure in their discussions of deals apparently is Lou Novikoff, the Chicago Cubs' hold-out outfielder.

Manager Jimmy Wilson of the Bruins disclosed under cross examination last night that three other National League clubs, the Cincinnati Reds, New York Giants and Philadelphia Phillies — have made propositions for the mad Russian.

The hitch thus far is that the prospective buyers want to spend money instead of talent and Wilson is insisting on a righthanded hitting outfielder in exchange for the colorful clown who batted an even .300 last year.

James Gallagher, general manager of the Cubs, has taken the position, publicly at least, that Novikoff would either have to agree to the Cubs' terms or remain out of baseball. Nevertheless, Gallagher is making the current eastern swing with his ball club and undoubtedly will be asked about Novikoff at various stops.

Just what rival clubs might be willing to give, or the Cubs take, for Novikoff, is a matter for guesswork. The Phillies, who perhaps need him most, have the least to offer. Besides, there is a feeling on the Cubs that if he were traded to Philadelphia he probably would turn up shortly afterward with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

This is because Branch Rickey of the Dodgers and Bill Cox, the Phillies' new owner, are intimate traders. Recently the Cubs sold Pitcher George Washburn to the Phillies and within a week he had been dealt to the Dodgers and turned over to Brooklyn's Montreal farm in the International League.

The Giants have offered nothing but cash and the Cubs probably are covetous of Buster Maynard, whom they have little chance of getting. If a player deal should be made with the Reds, Gerald Walker might go to the Cubs.

Brooklyn might get into the bidding. The Dodgers, although leading the National League, are far from satisfied with their performances to date. The team has been in a hitting slump and of its six defeats, five have been by one run and the other by two.

Averages of Batters Are Leveling Off

New York, May 11 — (AP) — The batting averages in the National and American Leagues have leveled off to something approaching quality in the last week, but the most novel note they disclosed today was four members of the so-called weak - hitting Cincinnati Reds among the ten top hitters in the senior circuit.

Little Louie Frey, even with his batting mark shrunken 70 points from the imposing .407 he sported a week ago, continued to lead both major leagues with .397.

This average by a veteran who ordinarily is under .280 was surprising enough, but hardly more than that his Cincinnati teammates, Frank McCormick, Eric Tipton, and Gerald Walker, all were present among the leaders.

McCormick was not among the first ten last week, but he spurted into third place with .353 while Stan Hack of the Chicago - Cubs, who also was missing from the leaders a week ago, soared into second place with .373. Together they crowded the Phillies' Danny Littwhiler out of the runner - up slot and into a tie with his teammate, Babe Dahlgren, for fourth at .340.

Vernon (Junior) Stephens of the St. Louis Browns remained in front of the American League with .392 as compared with his .448 of last week. Oris Hockett of Cleveland made his first appearance among the weekly leaders and grabbed off second place with .360.

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Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press

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